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SUBJECT: REACTION NEW AIR ROUTE PLANS.

1) IN FRONT PAGE ARTICLE HEADLINED "EVANS SAYS OTTAWA FLUNED" SEPTEMBER 12 WINNIPEG FREE PRESS QUOTES MANITOBA INDUSTRY MINISTER, LEN EVANS, AS EXPRESSING ASTONISHMENT AND DISAPPOINTMENT OVER PROPOSED NEW AIR ROUTES. EVANS SAID "CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT DONE THE JOB OF NEGOTIATING THAT WE EXPECTED IT TO DO AND HAS LET MANITOBA DOWN. IT IS ALMOST INCREDIBLE THAT U.S. AIRLINES ARE TO RECEIVE ROUGHLY TWO NEW ROUTES FOR EVERY ONE GIVEN A CANADIAN CARRIER" PRESS SAYS HE INTENDS TO REGISTER PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS DISPLEASURE WITH FEDERAL TRANSPORT MINISTER.

2) R.A. MORRISON, VICE PRESIDENT OF WINNIPEG BASED REGIONAL CARRIER TRANSAIR TOLD PRESS "WE ARE ASTOUNDED THAT THE CANADIAN NEGOTIATORS COULD AGREE TO AN AIR PACT THAT PERMITS SUCH EXTENSIVE PENETRATION INTO CANADA BY U.S. AIR CARRIERS, AS COMPARED TO THE AMERICAN ROUTES ALLOTTED TO THE CANADIAN CARRIERS. CANADIANS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE U.S. BUYING CANADA OUT. BUT IF THIS AGREEMENT IS ANY EXAMPLE, CANADIANS WILL THEMSELVES NEGOTIATE CANADA OUT OF OUR CONTROL".

3) MANITOBA P.C. LEADER SIDNEY SPIVAK ACCUSED BOTH PROVINCIAL

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AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES OF "ADOPTING A MARSHMALLOW ATTITUDE".

HE SAID MANITOBA INTERESTS WERE NOT PROTECTED AND PROVINCE
HAD BEEN DENIED "WHAT WAS RIGHTFULLY OURS - DIRECT ACCESS TO
THE MIDWESTERN PART OF THE U.S."

4) TRIBUNE CARRIED ESSENTIALLY SAME STORY. NO EDITS YET IN
EITHER PAPER. MORNING LOCAL CBW NEWS PROGRAM CARRIED TAPED
INTERVIEW WITH EVANS.

5) ALONGSIDE EVANS INTERVIEW IN FREE PRESS IS ARTICLE BY CP
WRITER, BOB DOUGLAS, DATELINED OTTAWA WITH HEADLINE "WEST HELD
WINNER". DOUGLAS STRESSED WESTERN CANADA IS THE BIG WINNER IN
FOUR YEAR ROUTE STRUGGLE WITH U.S. BUT HIS ACCOUNT MADE
LITTLE MENTION OF ANY BENEFITS ACCRUEING TO MANITOBA AS RESULT
NEW AGREEMENTS.
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